

REMARKS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 27, 2006. Claims 1-25 remaining pending. Reconsideration and allowance are requested for the following reasons.

In section 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-19 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,600. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and reconsideration is requested.

Attached at the Appendix hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer that obviates this rejection. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

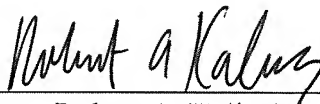
In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-25 are conditionally allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's assistance in identifying allowable subject matter. All claims are in condition for allowance.

The remarks set forth herein provide certain arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claims. There may be other reasons that the pending claims are patentably distinct over the cited references, and the right to raise any such other reasons or arguments in the future is expressly reserved.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this application.

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Appendix including Terminal Disclaimer

APPENDIX

Attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer (two pages).